



Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership

January 7, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Arizona State Lab Training Conference Room

250 North 17th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Members Present (22)

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| Tammy Paz-Combs, Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy |
| Kate Aurelius, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System |
| Malina Botkin, Arizona National Guard |
| Scott Cocuzza, Business Leader |
| Michelle Cota on behalf of Alberto Gutier, Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety |
| Anthony Coulson, Drug Enforcement Administration |
| Brant Benham on behalf of David Felix, Arizona Department of Public Safety |
| Jane Irvine, Arizona Attorney General's Office |
| Kathy Kitcheyan, San Carlos Apache Tribe |
| David Klein, Veteran's Administration Medical Center |
| Cassandra Larsen, Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families |
| Janice Mickens, Arizona Department of Economic Security |
| Duce Minor, Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc. PAACE |
| Ralph Ogden, Yuma County Sheriff |
| Pearlette Ramos on behalf of Jerry Oliver, Arizona Department of Liquor License and Control |
| Richard Rosky, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program Southwest Methamphetamine Initiative |
| Charles Ryan, Arizona Department of Corrections |
| Mary Specio-Boyer, COPE Behavioral Services, Inc.—via conference call |
| Dr. Kellie Warren, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections |
| Kathy Waters on behalf of Dave Byers, Administrative Office of the Courts |
| Dr. Rodgers Wilson on behalf of Dr. Laura Nelson, Arizona Department of Health Services |
| Karen Ziegler, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission |

Staff/Guests Present (11)

Members Absent (3)

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| Angela Baldasare, Pima Prevention Partnership | Beth Kohler Lazare, Office of Governor Janice Brewer |
| Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF-DSAP | Jean Ajamie, Arizona Department of Education |
| Karen Bulkeley, Arizona Department of Economic Security | Jeff Sanders, Community Member |
| Patti Cordova, GOCYF-Division for Children | |
| Cindy Daugherty, GOCYF-DSAP | |
| Cliff Ford, Arizona Administrative Office of the Courts | |
| Briana Kreibich, GOCYF-DSAP | |
| Sgt. Richard Mabry, Arizona National Guard | |
| Shana Malone, Arizona Criminal Justice Commission | |
| Sonya Pierce-Johnson, GOCYF-DSAP | |
| Wendy Wolfersteig, SIRC-ASU | |

A general meeting of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership was convened on January 7, 2010 at the Arizona State Laboratory Training Conference Room, 250 North 17th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given.

A. **Call to Order**

Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs welcomed members and called the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on behalf of Ms. Beth Kohler Lazare, ASAP Chair.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs introduced new members to ASAP, including **Mr. David Klein** from the Veterans Administration and **Mr. Richard Rosky** from the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Southwest Methamphetamine Initiative. In addition, a new delegate from DES was present (**Janice Mickens**) as well as a new delegate from AHCCCS (**Kate Aurelius**). She then asked members to introduce themselves.

C. **Approval of Minutes and Membership Changes**

Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs referred members to the minutes in their binder from the previous meeting.

- **Sheriff Ralph Ogden** motioned to accept the meeting minutes as written.
- **Mr. Brant Benham** seconded the motion.
- The motion passed with twenty-two (22) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

D. **Moving Forward in 2010**

- **Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs** noted that members would discuss how to further the work on the group's previously chosen strategic focus areas.
 - She noted changes to several of the ASAP sub-committees and directed members to the revised ASAP organizational chart in their binders.
 - She introduced **Mr. James Copple** from Strategic Applications International (SAI) and asked him to guide members through a discussion on strategic planning for 2010.
- **Mr. James Copple** indicated that the focus of the agenda would be on examining the outcomes since ASAP's inception, determining next steps for 2010, and examining how to sustain and institutionalize this body as part of Arizona's substance abuse prevention, treatment and enforcement infrastructure.
 - He indicated that six strategic focus areas were included on their strategic planning document located in their binders. The goals and action steps for the other two strategic focus areas, *Data-Driven Decision Making* and *Emerging Trends and the State's Capacity to Respond*, were incorporated throughout the remaining six areas.
 - He emphasized that examining data and emerging trends, as well as a focus on co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues, is a part of every conversation the group has related to its work and the populations it represents and serves.
 - Mr. Copple examined each of the six strategic focus areas, requesting feedback from the group members regarding the appropriateness of the goals and action steps outlined in the strategic planning document.
 - He indicated that Governor's Office staff will amend the document per the group's feedback and the document, as a dynamic instrument for the group's planning purposes, will be amended throughout the year as the group accomplishes its goals.

Child Welfare

- **Dr. Kellie Warren** noted the need to include the provision of services to children involved in the justice system in the strategic plan as some youth involved in the justice system are not involved in the child welfare system.

- **Ms. Karen Buckley** noted that California is seeking to prioritize families in the child welfare system for substance abuse treatment services and is looking to Arizona's Executive Order 2008-01 as a model.
 - Ms. Buckley met with stakeholders in California to describe Arizona's efforts.
- In response to questions from the group members about the availability of treatment services in rural areas, Ms. Buckley noted that the Governor's Office and the Arizona Department of Health Services completed a review of the state's capacity to provide substance abuse treatment services, and a strong need for treatment in rural areas was indicated.
- Ms. Buckley discussed the evaluation used for the Arizona Families F.I.R.S.T. (Families in Recovery Succeeding Together) program, which is utilized by the Arizona Department of Economic Security to provide substance abuse treatment services to families in the child welfare system.

Drug Endangered Children

- **Mr. Richard Rosky** mentioned that the Arizona Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Alliance recently met to discuss its next steps for 2010.
 - The Arizona DEC Alliance felt strongly about moving forward with level two drug-endangered children protocols and noted that the group's work is closely tied to the efforts of the National DEC Alliance.
 - Mr. Richard Rosky informed the members that the membership of the Arizona DEC Alliance is being broadened and its focus now includes children of incarcerated parents, as these two population often overlap.
 - He also indicated that a staff person is needed to coordinate the Arizona DEC Alliance's meetings, trainings, and other activities.
 - **Captain Malina Botkin** indicated that the National Guard may be able to provide support.
- **Ms. Kathy Waters** noted that follow-up training for DEC needs to include ways in which probation staff can be utilized and she indicated the need for the criminal justice system to provide staff training on how to deal with DEC.

Law Enforcement

- **Ms. Karen Zeigler** felt some of the action steps needed to be updated, but that the goals in the strategic plan were appropriate.
 - She noted that action step one has been completed and is now institutionalized.
- **Dr. Kellie Warren** indicated the need to engage law enforcement with the school system, as Arizona youth can be involved in drug trafficking.
 - **Ms. Karen Zeigler** mentioned that law enforcement has been involved with schools; however funding has been cut and many schools no longer have a school resource officer (SRO).
 - Group members agreed that law enforcement partnership with schools should be expanded, and the possibility exists to develop recommendations for schools, superintendents, etc. on how to handle drugs in the school environment. **Sherriff Ralph Ogden** noted it is important for this group to provide those recommendations for schools, and Mr. Minor said it will be critical to provide the recommendations as a community problem and not a school problem. It was felt that this recommendation should be encompassed under the Prevention and Community Partnership Strategic Focus Area.
- **Ms. Kathy Kitcheyan** said that it is critical for there to be law enforcement intelligence sharing among tribal communities.
 - **Mr. Anthony Coulson** discussed some of the current intelligence sharing already occurring between tribal, state and federal law enforcement entities.

Prescription Drug Abuse

- **Dr. Rodgers Wilson** noted the strong need to provide education to prescribing physicians.
 - **Mr. Richard Rosky** and **Mr. Anthony Coulson** mentioned that the working group for this issue expects data from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) system to help identify areas for additional education and outreach efforts.
 - ASAP members indicated a desire to look into the best way to provide this type of training and the members felt that it should be included as an action step.
 - **Mr. David Klein** noted that the Veteran's Administration is currently working on addressing training needs and looking into other treatment options for prescription and other drugs.
 - Mr. Rosky also indicated that the prescription drug working group would like to have additional practitioners participating in its efforts.

Prevention and Community Partnerships

- **Ms. Kathy Kitcheyan** noted the need to include tribes in the strategic plan.
- **Mr. Duce Minor** mentioned changing the language to show the benefits of prevention, instead of the need for prevention.
- **Dr. Kellie Warren** said there is a need for families to have access to information on where services are available, and that this should be incorporated into the strategic plan.

Underage Drinking

- **Ms. Janice Mickens** wanted to include the capacity of families to reduce underage drinking (UAD) in the strategic plan.
- **Captain Malina Botkin** mentioned the success some states have had in providing underage drinking (and driving) prevention programs to teens as part of their driver training. The National Guard has provided support for several of these types of programs.
- **Mr. Charles Ryan** updated the group on a project that the Arizona Department of Corrections is working on that includes a DVD highlighting the stories of incarcerated individuals on how underage drinking impacted their lives.

Sustainability

- **Mr. James Copple** asked members whether they felt that the ASAP model has been, and is, a successful one.
 - **Dr. Rodgers Wilson** said that it is critical to keep this group together and the partnerships. The group agreed that this body is an essential part of the state's infrastructure and should remain so.
 - Mr. James Copple continued the discussion to include how members felt that they could sustain the body as an institution.

E. Call to Action – Substance Abuse Conference

- **Mr. James Copple** referred members to the *Call to Action* document in their packets and discussed how the recommendations from the Governor's Office 4th annual Substance Abuse Conference can be incorporated into the ASAP strategic plan.

F. Sub-Committee/ Focus Area Reports

- **Ms. Jeanne Blackburn** updated the group members on the work of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group on behalf of Phillip Stevenson.
 - Ms. Blackburn noted that the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* will be completed this month.
 - She introduced **Ms. Shana Malone** from the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) to discuss the Community Data Project being undertaken by ACJC.
 - Ms. Malone indicated that ACJC is in the process of creating resource profiles for Arizona's communities, which will include statewide data disaggregated to the community level where possible. These profiles will also include substance abuse treatment services as a resource available within communities to combat substance abuse.
- **Dr. Rodgers Wilson** presented updates on the Underage Drinking (UAD) Committee on behalf of Dr. Nelson.
 - He indicated that a letter has been sent from the UAD Committee and numerous substance abuse prevention coalitions to Old Navy requesting that they discontinue selling merchandise that promotes binge drinking to youth, including t-shirts currently being sold in their stores.
- **Mr. Coulson** updated the group members on the work of the Meth Task Force.
 - Mr. Coulson noted that the group recommends that making pseudoephedrine available by prescription only is the best way to reduce the availability of precursor chemicals used to produce methamphetamine and in turn, reduce the number of methamphetamine labs and the consequences associated with them, including drug-endangered children.
- **Mr. Duce Minor** provided an update on the work of the Community Advisory Board (CAB).
 - Mr. Minor indicated that the CAB is planning the creation of a Facebook page to link communities and coalitions throughout the state.
 - He also noted that the CAB would like for ASAP to recognize the work of community-based groups during its meetings.
 - Members noted they would like to hear from communities and community coalitions on their work on a regular basis.
- **Ms. Jeanne Blackburn** reviewed the new sub-committee reporting form created for providing updates to members.

G. New Business/Upcoming Events

- **Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs** asked members about any new business or upcoming events.
 - **Ms. Kathy Kitcheyan** mentioned that the San Carlos Apache Tribe will host the *Indians for Sobriety Conference* later this year.
 - **Ms. Karen Ziegler** noted that the 2010 federal budget includes additional RSAT (Residential Substance Abuse Treatment) money that will be available for substance abuse treatment through ACJC.
 - **Dr. Kellie Warren** mentioned that the *Juvenile Justice Symposium* will be held January 21, 2010 free of charge.
 - **Dr. Rodgers Wilson** mentioned that the two-day *Prevention Leadership Academy* hosted by the department was very successful.

H. Call to the Public

- **Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs** made a call to the public.
 - **Mark Stechschulte** from SHARPS Compliance, Inc. indicated the importance of education in the prevention of prescription drug misuse among youth. He noted that he has information about a prevention program that he can share with the group if interested.

I. **Adjourn**

- **Ms. Tammy Paz-Combs** noted that future meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every other month with the next meeting to be held on March 4, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
- Ms. Paz-Combs adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Dated the 10th day of January 2010
Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jeanne Blackburn

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